

## Message Text

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FOR ATHERTON IN SECRETARY'S PARTY

EO 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PFOR, IZ, US

SUBJECT: IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REFERENCE: STAT 106202

1. I HAD CONSIDERED PROBLEM OF PROPRIETY OF SENDING PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO HUSSEIN RATHER THAN BAKR AND HAD DECIDED THAT FACT THAT US PRESIDENT IS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS HEAD OF STATE WOULD PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR SENDING MESSAGE TO HUSSEIN, WHO, FOR PROTOCOL PURPOSES, USUALLY FUNCTIONS AS DE FACTO HEAD OF GOVERNMENT.

2. PERHAPS PROBLEM COULD BE BEST AVOIDED BY SENDING TWO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES, ONE IN EACH PRESIDENTIAL CAPACITY. MESSAGE TO BAKR COULD BE A SHORTER, MORE FORMAL, AND MORE GENERAL EXPRESSION OF INTENTIONS AND MESSAGE TO HUSSEIN COULD DEAL MORE WITH SPECIFICS AND BOTH MESSAGES COULD BE DELIVERED BY HABIB TO HUSSEIN IF APPOINTMENT IS ARRANGED.

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